



Saltair District Residents Association
(SDRA)

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See info re: Neighbourhood Yard Sale on page 2

SALTAIR PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING BYLAW NO. 4427 LANDSLIDE HAZARD

JUNE 2 – Community Centre – from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bylaw No. 4427 Development Permit Area 7: Landslide Hazard

There are over 140 parcels fronting on the ocean shoreline in Saltair. This Draft Bylaw, which guides development activities in area that may be subject to natural hazards, has been amended to include the report recommendations and new mapping. The map shown outlines the parcels which are subject to draft Bylaw No. 4427.

The Draft Bylaw can be found here: <https://www.cvrld.ca/3406/Planning---Strategic-Initiatives-Draft-B>

The full report “Saltair Coastal Slope Stability Assessment” is located here:

<https://www.cvrld.ca/3199/Risk-Assessment-Reports>

Wending one’s way through the documentation on what is or is not part of the official community plan can be frustrating. And confusing. I cannot find a single document that clearly shows how it all hangs together.

The OCP at the highest level is so general as to be just the ‘warm and fuzzy’ stuff. For example there is one page on Neighbourhood and Local Area Plans (page 38:

<https://www.cvrld.ca/DocumentCenter/View/103580/2022-03-10-Att-A-Special-EASC-RPT-Bylaw-4373-OCP-for-the-Electoral-Areas-Schedule-A-Updated>)

This particular bylaw 4427, the subject of the open house, appears to be an amendment or extension to the section of the Official Community Plan – but I’m not completely sure. The merged version of the original bylaw (2500) Schedule A, “SALTAIR OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REPORT”, has a Section 4 that deals with shoreline management and Section 20 defines the ocean shoreline development permit area. That document sets out shoreline management objectives, policies and guidelines. Section **20.3.4 GUIDELINES** is of particular interest; ditto the section on storm water management.

Please have a look before you go to the open house OR, ask the folks who will be presenting and answering questions, about all the points included there.

This is about preservation, protection, mitigation – with consideration for property owners. Additional protections in the future in a situation of increased water levels may be necessary.

If you are interested, please drop in and get involved – doors open at 2:30.

Repeat – CVRD wants public input on ‘green box’ service

There are 2 ways to provide input: either taking the online survey (open until **June 9**) or joining a focus group (open until **June 3**). If you have a minute sign on and sign up – the more the merrier (we REALLY need this):

<https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/curbside-collection>

You're Invited!

- **Neighbourhood YARD SALE**

Here's your opportunity to clear out that back corner in the basement, shed, garage. Recycle and repurpose rather than make a dump run.....

Anyone can join in (not restricted to members) so get your neighbours involved! Put up stuff for sale or set out a 'for free' table!

Help us by spreading the word. Maybe a group of households could band together.

We only ask that you tell us what **street** you're on (no names or house #'s) so we can advertise all the locations prior to the go-date. Email me, or call me at 250-924-6924 to sign up

Check out the flyers near your mailbox. (See last page of this newsletter for a copy.) Put one in your window to bring attention to our efforts .

We'll advertise in the papers and post everywhere we can on social media to get the best turnout.

- **Fire Safety Day**

This is still in the planning/finalizing stage, waiting for contacts to confirm back with dates that they can meet, but the initial response to the proposed agenda is very positive. Some of what is included:

- Presentation by local fire and CVRD officials regarding pertinent information on:
 - what is fire smart – all of its components for our area
 - relevant bylaws
 - related considerations for home insurance
 - protection options
- Climate Change
 - summary of climate change outlook for the Cowichan Valley
 - mitigation and prevention efforts by households and agencies

- **Community Update Meeting - TBD – SO MUCH on my mind.... Will the CVRD take part?**

- What's the status of the new water purification system – project costs and timelines – will it be finished?
- Projected work on water infrastructure repair/replacement
- Green box service in Saltair
- Any information at all on the "Official Community Plan" progress, findings, next steps
- Planning for extension of the Canada Trail from North Watts to Ladysmith and installation of washroom facilities along the trail
- Anything else the Saltair community would like to hear about

- **Personal and Property Safety – planning stage not scheduled**

- personal and property security
- fraud awareness and protections
- prevention of identity theft



Where Climate Change, Government and Private Industry Collide: Wild Salmon Stocks



The following information was sent to me by a member and it caught my attention as worth repeating.

It is from the David Suzuki Foundation; the full article can be found at:

https://community.davidsuzuki.org/index.php/email/emailWebview?md_id=29084

“One significant connection is between Chinook salmon and threatened [resident Salish Sea orcas](#), of which [only 74 remain](#). These whales feed exclusively on Chinook. Like sockeye, pink and other salmon,

Chinook populations are struggling under a barrage of threats, including climate change, habitat destruction, fishing, pollution and fish farms.

Parasites, disease and potential escapes from open net-pen fish farms put all wild Pacific salmon at risk, including Chinook. Shockingly, this evidence isn’t new — but some has been suppressed for a decade. In 2012, Fisheries and Oceans Canada biologists studied the presence of the highly contagious piscine orthoreovirus, or PRV, in wild and farmed salmon. A 2021 University of British Columbia study confirmed that farmed fish are transferring PRV to wild salmon, and found that proximity to fish farms increases the likelihood of wild Chinook being infected.

It’s a problem when the federal department charged with looking out for wild salmon is also supporting the aquaculture industry’s interests. As is often the case, short-term economic arguments win out over immediate and long-term environmental protection. But wild salmon — and the orcas, bears, eagles, rainforests and people they support — are too important to sacrifice to profits for an industry that should clean up its act.

Despite some setbacks, the federal government now appears to be taking salmon (and orca) conservation seriously, and is sticking to its plan to phase out the farms — something [the public should support](#). If salmon are farmed, they should be raised in closed-containment operations, preferably on land, with attention paid to reducing or eliminating any other environmental impacts. Helping wild salmon survive and thrive means reducing threats against them — from climate change and pollution to [hatchery fish](#) and fish farms.”

Helping out Ukrainian Refugees

It is definitely worth repeating, because the carnage continues and the people of Ukraine and those who have fled, waiting to get back to their homeland, all need as much assistance as we can manage. Efforts continue to provide medicines, food, shelter, medical staff, and transportation. If you have the resources, please find a way to help. If you don’t see something below that appeal to you, check out your favorite place of worship.

To avoid wasting those resources, stick with reputable organizations if you are going to donate. For example:

Doctors without Borders

UNHCR

The International Committee of the Red Cross

Global Giving Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund

UNICEF

International Rescue Committee

International Medical Corp

Razom for Ukraine

Save the Children

World Vision

World Health Organization

Saturday JUNE 18

we're organizing a **Saltair**

Neighbourhood

Yard Sale

Would you like to join us?

No cost to join – we post ads /flyers –the more households involved, the better for all

Just tell us your street name so we can include all of them in the advertising

Call 250-924-6924 if you have questions or wish to sign up

(no names or house #'s please)